



SDIPLA News

Please join us for our March 25, 2010 meeting featuring:

Art Chong
Broadcom’s Senior Vice President,
General Counsel and Secretary

Mr. Chong will address a general counsel’s perspective on managing intellectual property legal issues in view of the current economic landscape. SDIPLA will be accepting questions for Mr. Chong, which we request be submitted no later than Wednesday, March 17, 2010.

Please send questions for Mr. Chong to Jessica Mitchell at jessicamitchell@sandiegoiplaw.com

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Date/Time/Location:

March 25, 2010
6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
DEL MAR MARRIOTT
11966 El Camino Real
San Diego, CA 92130

Directions:

From I-5 exit Carmel Valley Road
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North on El Camino
West on Valley Centre Drive

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Please join us March 25, 2010 and welcome:

Art Chong
Broadcom's Senior Vice President,
General Counsel and Secretary

Thursday, March 25, 2010

Dinner Meeting
Del Mar Marriott

Registration: 6:00 p.m.
Cocktails: 6:00 p.m.
Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Menu:

Fresh Seasonal Salad
 With one of the following entrees:

Chicken Marsala
Grilled Salmon
Mushroom Pasta w/Vegetables

Dessert
Coffee and Tea

Registration and payment is due
no later than March 22, 2010

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Entrée Choice: _____ Chicken _____ Salmon _____ Vegetarian

INTERNET SIGHTINGS

By Jim Hawes

This column highlights some of the more notable recent internet notices, newsletters and blogs dealing with IP prosecution issues. The full IS column is also available at internetsightings.blogspot.com.

Hal Wegner's newsletter – a lot of great stuff – Contact: hwegner@foley.com

- Hal's top ten list of cases on appeal is now available at GrayonClaims.com/hal. Check it out.
- The 2/3/10 newsletter reports that the PTO has refused a fax filing because it was received upside down. One commentator described this as a “recto-cranial inversion” by someone at the PTO.
- The 2/19/10 email reports that the PTO now has a Chief Economist, which Hal applauds.
- The 2/21/10 message reports that China received 977,000 new patent applications in 2009, well more than any other country. They were split about 3:1, domestic to foreign applicants.
- The 2/24/10 email reports the Croc design patent CAFC decision in which the Court stressed the importance of the shown design and downplayed any accompanying verbal description.
- The 2/26/10 message reports that chances for Patent Reform Legislation this year have improved considerably.

Patently-O – a blog written by Dennis Crouch – www.patentlyo.com.

- The 2/3/10 blog reports that the PTO projects a 15% fee increase for the FY2011 budget to reduce pendency and backlog. Again.
- The 2/5/10 email reports the Outside the Box CAFC decision in which a firm atty. filed an expert declaration for the winner at trial, then the firm sought to represent the loser on appeal, which the Court quashed.
- The 2/8/10 message gives data showing that the PTO's budget shortfall is due to declining maintenance fee payments.
- The 2/9/10 email presents data showing patent examiner experience levels for the various Tech Groups at the PTO. It's a surprise.
- The 2/11/10 blog includes a thorough paper by Reines and Greenblatt titled “Interlocutory Appeals of Claim Construction.”
- The 2/17/10 email considers appeals from the BPAI of an ex parte reexamination decision and concludes that it is only to the CAFC.
- The 2/19/10 message reports an empirical study of the importance of the written description requirement, concluding that it is not important. It also reports an alarming increase in the BPAI backlog.

IPFrontline – an IP magazine – ipfrontline.com

- The 2/10 issue highlights *Abbott Labs v. Sandoz*, 566 F.3d 1282 (CAFC en banc '09) holding that a product by process claim is only infringed by another making the product by the claimed process.

INTERNET SIGHTINGS by Jim Hawes – continued**TTABlog** – a blog written by John Welch – www.TTABlog.com

- The 2/2/10 blog reports the In re Nielsen Business Media TTAB decision of 1/28/10 holding that 2f tacking of Bollywood Reporter rights to Hollywood Reporter rights was not proper for the two are not equivalent.
- The 2/3/10 blog discusses curing fraud holdings of many recent TTAB cases, most finding that the fraud was not cured.
- The 2/11/10 email references 3 papers covering the Board's Accelerated Case Resolution option.
- The 2/17/10 case discusses policing efforts of the applicant Murad which warranted TTAB reversal of a mere descriptiveness rejection.
- The 2/19/10 email reports that Swedish Luxury and Swedish Sleep System, both for mattresses, are confusing similar to the Board. However, the 2/23 email reports that Capital City Bank and Citibank for banking services are not confusingly similar to the Board.

AIPLA Direct – a newsletter issued from time to time - aipla.org/Content/ContentGroups

- Another AIPLA trademark boot camp will be offered in June 2010 in Alexandria, VA.

Copyright Society of the USA – periodic emails to members – www.csusa.org

- The Society will co-sponsor with the Berkeley Center for Law and Tech a conference on 4/9-10/10 to explore the future of copyright law.

PTO notices – www.uspto.gov/main/newsandnotices

- The PTO has posted a notice that it was officially closed on Monday 2/8 through Thursday 2/11. Any action due on 2/6-10 is timely if done on 2/12.
- The BPAI will hold its first annual day-long Board conference on 4/7/10 in Alexandria, VA.
- One of the just announced goals of the PTO is a 20 month total patent application pendency by 2014. Hal, in his 2/25/10 email, notes that PCT cases don't begin being active in the US until after a 20 month plus pendency. Hmmm.

WIPO – The international IP group in Geneva – www.wipo.int

- EPO fees increase April 1, 2010.

Other Stuff –

- The PTO seeks to hire experienced patent practitioners as examiners. Interested?
- If you'd like to see what the current PTO exam looks like, check out patentbar-exam.wordpress.com/2010.
- A unique CLE / patent moot court event will occur at the Waldorf-Astoria on 3/26/10. For more info access nyipla.org.

For more information about any of the patent topics mentioned consult *Patent Application Practice*. Trademark topics are discussed in *Trademark Registration Practice*. Both are published by West and updated twice a year.



The Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of California announces publication of a new treatise and practice guide

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USD Law Career Services, Center for Intellectual Property Law & Markets, and the University of San Diego School of Law Intellectual Property Law Association host this annual event where law students, including those with technical or hard science degrees, learn more about IP Law careers, leveraging their skills and connecting with the region's top IP attorneys.

Thursday, March 25

Schedule of Events

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Attorney Panel 1: Copyright and Trademark Law, Warren Hall, Room 2A

Callie Bjurstrom/Luce Forward
John Buche/Buche & Associates P.C.
Ed McPherson/McPhersonRane LLP
Lisa Rosaya/Baker & McKenzie
Andrew Serwin/Foley & Lardner LLP

Attorney Panel 2: Patent Law, Warren Hall, Room 2B

Stephen Korniczky/Paul Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP
Roger Martin/Qualcomm, Inc.
Dale Rieger/Jones Day
Licia Vaughn/DLA Piper

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Student/Attorney Mixer, Warren Hall, Second Floor Lobby

If are an IP attorney and are interested in attending, [email Heather Harrigan, Esq.](mailto:heather.harrigan@usd.edu), Assistant Director, Career Services. Refreshments and reserved parking provided.

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